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The Honorable Willis M. Hawkins
The Assistant Secretary of the Army (R&D)
Room 3E390
Pentagon

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

In response to your letter of 6 December 1963, I am pleased to accept membership on the NIKE X Threat Analysis Review Board. I have already scheduled the 3 January date for your first meeting and will attempt to review as much of the background data as possible before that time.

As you may know, I was associated with the Army until very recently and the problem being considered by the Board is one in which I have a great deal of personal interest. Of course this Agency is also keenly aware of the importance of the NIKE X planning and is anxious to provide any support within our competence.

I can see that there may be a considerable flow of classified information in connection with this study and it might be helpful for you to use a Pentagon office as a means of transmitting information. I am Chairman of the Guided Missile Astronautics Intelligence Committee and a secretariat staff is located in Room 2A266. There are a number of courier runs each day between that office and our Langley Headquarters. If you desire, you could have material sent to that office and they will forward it to me unopened.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Carl E. Duckett
Director

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